

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been canceled.

New Claims 19-40 have been added and are now active in this case.

Applicants have amended the claims to clarify the present invention. All of the above amendments are fully supported by the claims and disclosure as originally filed.

Additionally, Applicants have amended the claims and specification to clarify that the units "N/cm²" are correctly --N/m²--.

The reasons for this change and the support therefor are as follows.

First, the international unit for shear modulus G' is Pa which is N/m².

Second, the example provided in the present specification at page 9 (see lines 10-19) corresponds to Claims 1, 7 and 9 written in Pa.

Third, the measurements in the shear modulus G' are performed on a viscoanalyzer such as a Metravib viscoanalyzer which provides measurements in N/m². See the extract of a notice of the Metravib viscoanalyzer mentioning the units of N/m² of the spring modulus E equivalent to the shear modulus G', submitted in parent application S.N. 09/488,674.

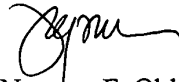
Finally, it would be impossible in any event to describe and claim an amount of 2×10^7 N/cm², because 2×10^7 N/cm² is equal to 2×10^{11} N/m², which is much greater than 7×10^7 N/m², which is the value of the rigidity of the glass, which would mean that a material such as glass having a shear modulus smaller than 2×10^7 N/cm² would meet the claimed condition for being sufficiently rigid. If such a glass were this rigid, there would be no commercial interest at all in using an intermediate film.

Hence, in view of all of the above, it is believed that the present application is now in condition for examination on the merits.

Favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 7, lines 7-14, delete the text in the entirety and insert therefor:

The window according to the invention is preferably designed to ensure soundproofing of a vehicle and in particular soundproofing against noises of structure-borne origin, and is made of a laminated window comprising at least one glass sheet and one intermediate film having a loss factor $\tan \delta$ greater than 0.6 and a shear modulus G' smaller than 2×10^7 N/m² in a temperature range between 10 and 60°C, in a frequency range between 50 and 10,000 Hz. These measurements of the dynamic characterization of the material are performed on a viscoanalyzer, for example a Metravib viscoanalyzer, under measurement conditions to be defined hereinafter.

Page 10, lines 7-8, delete the text in the entirety and insert therefor:

According to an advantageous embodiment of the invention, the shear modulus G' of the intermediate film imparting noise-damping properties is between 10^6 and 2×10^7 N/m².

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 (Canceled).

Claims 19-40 (New).